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JOINT RECEPTION

The joint reception given by Homestead Lodge No. 46 and the Harmony Rebekah Lodge No. 24 last Monday evening was one of the finest social affairs that has been given in Roy for a long time.

The reception was given by the members of these two progressive Lodges to their families and a few invited friends and the large masonic hall at which the reception was given was crowded to its capacity and over 200 partook of three course luncheon served by the Rebekahs.

A number of fine talks were given by prominent Oddfellows during the evening; those making addresses on the good of the order were, Judge Taylor of Clayton, Rev. Russel of Dawson and Messrs. Floersheim and McGinnies. Music was furnished by Mrs. W. R. Brashears and Mrs. Gerald Dodds at the piano, and Prof. Gerhart with the clarinet. Mrs. Dodds and Mr. Bonifis sang several duets and Mrs. Harper of Mills gave two readings.

The most important part of the evening program was the splendid lunch which was served by the Rebekahs at 10.30 and talk about eats, well there was enough left after serving over 200 people to serve at least half that many more, and they proved to the many present that they were experts when it comes to making preparations and carrying them out for serving luncheons.

R. C. Grunig acted as chairman throughout the evening and handled the job as only one who knows how to carry out things successfully. Another important and appreciative part of the program was the singing and yodling by Mr. and Mrs. Max Gswind and Ernest Fluhman assisted by Mr. Fred Fluhman. They gave a number of songs and Yodles during the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Gswind and Mr. Ernest Fluhman are new arrivals.

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HAPPILY WEDDED

News has just reached the S.A. office that Miss Clara Martin formerly of this place and Wesley Griffin of near Abbott were quietly married at Raton February 18th. The facts that we get on the wedding are about as follows: After the close of school last Friday the 18th Mr. Griffin called to take Miss Clara home, but instead they drove to Raton and as the "Poet" would say it, "As the old clock tolled the half past two hour, they were joined in Holy Wedlock".

The Bride is so well known in Roy that it is useless for us to try and say a great deal about her, every one knows her to be one of the highly accomplished young ladies of Roy and Mills. She is the second eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Martin, formerly of Mills and Roy but now of Gallup. She is a former graduate of the Roy Schools and is widely known over the mesa as a talented "Soloist" and for the past few years has been teaching school at and near Mills and at which place she met her former husband.

The Groom Mr. Griffin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Griffin of near Springer. He is a prosperous young farmer and we believe his bride has made an excellent choice as her future guide through life, and we can also state that the lucky groom should congratulate himself for having won such a remarkable young lady as his future helpmate.

We understand they will make their future home on a ranch near Springer where the groom has a little home prepared just large enough for two.

The Spanish American as well as their friends in and near Roy wish the happy young couple all the joys of life.

Commence practicing to write it; Roy, Harding County, New Mexico. Wont it be hard to quit writing Roy, Mora County since we have written it so long.

HARDING COUNTY CREATED BY LEGISLATURE

Bill Passes Senate Last Saturday And House Tuesday Afternoon.

GOVERNOR MECHEM SIGNS BILL.

ROY GETS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL.

COUNTY SEAT GOES TO MOSQUERO.

The New County of Harding seen its first light of day last Tuesday afternoon when the Lower house passed the bill which was passed in the Senate last Saturday. The bill was passed in the Senate by a vote of 12 to 8 and in the house by a vote of 39 to 6.

Governor Mechem signed the bill Wednesday morning and thus has ended a fight between the Legislators of Mora and Union Counties which has been a contention in the State Legislature for the past fourteen years.

Harding County the infant County of New Mexico will have an assessed valuation of near \$8,000,000.00 and will be of the third class for at least the present. The County will be about 50 miles long north and south and about 55 miles wide. It includes all of Mora County east of the river which takes in the Mills, Roy and Solano precincts. In Union County it takes in two townships in Range 28 and 29 in Township 22, then it drops south to township 21 and takes ranges 30, 31, 32 and 33, and follows the range line between 33 and 34 south to the Quay County line. Thence follows the Quay line to the Bell pasture and along the east side of the Bell pasture to the Mora County line.

The bill goes into effect within 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature which will be about June 10th. The County officers to serve until January 1st, 1923 will be appointed by Governor Mechem.

The New County will get \$30,000.00 to start with which will be used for making copies of records and paying officers and other expenses until the 1921 taxes are in. Harding County will also get all unpaid taxes when the bill goes in effect. The indebtedness of Union and Mora County will have to be assumed proportionately by the new county and has been provided for in the bill.

The County Seat is located in the bill at Mosquero and a bond issue of \$25,000.00 may be issued for county buildings. The County High School for Harding County will be located at ROY, the metropolis of the County and \$10,000.00 is provided for the furnishing of the High School building which will be built this summer.

The credit for the creation of the New County is given to the legislators of Union and Mora Counties, and particularly Senator Mitchell, Representatives Brock, Baca, Beck and Beatty. Also to the numerous workers from Roy and other towns who have given their time and expenses to the work. Particular mention should be made of the work of Mayor F. S. Brown, Romigo Lopez, F. A. Roy, E.P. Brown E. Gallegos and numerous other citizens.

It is the intention of the Spanish-American to publish the entire bill within a few weeks and also print a map of the new county.

The politics of the new county of Harding will be doubtful as at the last election, figuring on the basis of the vote for Congressman, the county would be Republican by 17 votes, and no doubt the political complexion will be in doubt until after the first general election which will be in November 1922.

The progress of the new county will be given each week in the Spanish-American, so if you want the news of Harding County, keep posted thru reading the columns of this most valued Mesa paper.

Lets all bury the hatchet now as the fight is over and make Harding County the banner County of New Mexico. We are in for it and the S-A will be found boosting for the whole county all the time.

The American Legion will stage one of their "good-times" at Mills on Saturday night March 12th, 1921. All ex-service men particularly those of Mills and vicinity are invited to be present and bring the ladies. The event will be held at the Wilson Hotel and it is hoped that a good attendance will be there as it is for the purpose of getting all the ex-service men in touch with the Legion and at the same time have an enjoyable time. Remember the date and be on hand.

Yes we lost the Mora County printing but it would have done us a little good as we would have not been in the county long enough to reap much benefits from it.

Well we lost the County Seat but won the High School. We should worry, Roy is the metropolis of the County and will always remain so.

No doubt the first officers of Harding County will be Republicans but who knows the politics of the second set of officers? We don't.

CONSOLIDATION MEETINGS.

During the past week the School Board of Roy has been busy arranging with several of the outlying districts to consolidate with District No. 33 (Roy). The board sent petitions into several of the districts and in Montoya Pocket and Rock Springs the patrons are nearly unanimous for consolidation.

However in other districts especially Brand and Liberty there seems to be considerable opposition to the consolidation the main objection being the long distance to Roy. In Brand in particular the family living furthest from Roy lives 21 miles from town and they feel that the Auto routes would be too long and it would consume too much time to get the pupils to school. The same objection was found in Liberty District.

A mass meeting was held in each of the two districts, one at Liberty on Friday night and one at Brand on Saturday night and the matter was gone over thoroughly, and the advantages as well as the disadvantages were brought out at these meetings.

Petitions will be presented to each of these districts and they can do as they wish on the matter, for Roy wants them to come in with them if they wish but not unless the greater majority are willing.

The western part of the Old Wagner district is figuring on petitioning into Roy, and have an Auto route to bring their children to school. Also the southern end of the Brand district is figuring on doing the same thing as they are closer to Roy than to their present school house. It would be a great thing for the whole mesa if the territory from the county line on the east to the Red River on the West and from the Mills district on the North to the Solano District would be consolidated into one large district; this would probably require 7 or 8 auto trucks to carry the

MORE TAXES NEWS

We have been asked to get the exact tax levies of Mora County and we have written to the County Treasurer and he reports the levies are as follows.

The State and County levy combined is \$2.257; the special levies in the County are .45 and the levies for the Village of Roy .392 cents. This is figured on the basis of \$100.00 assessment value. Now if you have kept your assessment card of last spring which you received from the assessor you can readily see where your taxes are going and why they are so high.

The taxes in the Districts outside of Roy are figured on a basis of \$2.707 per \$100.00 assessment and in Roy \$3.099.

The whole assessment in the county is about \$2.75 higher than last year, that is this amount on each \$1,000.00 assessment. Get your assessment cards out and figure it out your self from the above table.

Rev. Russel came down from Dawson to attend the joint reception of the Oddfellows and Rebekahs. We are glad to see Rev. Russel in town and hope that he may some day become a resident of our little town again.

Who will be the new officers of Harding County? Well this matter will soon be settled and we are willing to leave it to the judgement of Governor Mechem. Twelve to Eight and thirty-nine to six don't look like the opposition did much at Santa Fe unless they worked for the bill.

pupils and would probably cost a little more but it would surely be worth the extra cost.

Roy will soon begin the erection of her County High School, and we want all the territory possible in the district as we expect to have the best school in eastern New Mexico.

MESA CO-OPERATIVE STORE NEWS

THE TWO GREATEST EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF NORTH EASTERN NEW MEXICO ARE THE CREATION OF HARDING COUNTY AND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MESA CO-OPERATIVE CO. IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT NO OTHER EVENTS WILL HAVE A GREATER INFLUENCE ON THE FUTURE PROSPERITY OF THIS SECTION OF THE STATE.

The united action of the people of this section, which has made possible the securing of this splendid New County, and the organization of the Mesa Co-Operative Co. is an ideal illustration of what can be accomplished by forgetting party, or township lines and working together for a common purpose.

WE HAVE MADE AN EXCELLENT START, NOW LET US TAKE OFF OUR COATS AND BUCKLE IN TO THE JOB OF MAKING THIS THE BEST COUNTY, AND THE STRONGEST CO-OPERATIVE CO. IN THE STATE.

Through the fine spirit of the FLEISS BROTHERS, we have now secured the four lots to the north of Becks Garage, giving us an ideal corner for our new store building in Roy, construction of which will begin at an early date.

We also have secured the best piece of trackage front in the town of Mosquero, our new County Seat, for our Elevator and Warehouse at that point.

SO MUCH NEWS THAT WE ALMOST FORGOT TO SAY WE STILL HAVE POTATOES, CANNED GOODS, AND BOX APPLES, AT SPECIAL PRICES.

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